



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/615,638)	Art Unit: 3627
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Filing Date: July 13, 2000)	
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For <u>Method and System For Detecting Fraud</u>)	

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, Ian Flint, declare the following:

1. I am an inventor of the above identified patent application. I am also an employee of the assignee, eBay, Inc., of the application.
2. I have reviewed the application, including the claims of the application, and I have also reviewed a copy of the current claims which are pending (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A).
3. The declaration made herein is to establish conception of the invention prior to April 6, 2000, which is the effective filing date of the Provisional Patent Application for U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0099649 A1, coupled with due diligence to a subsequent reduction to practice that occurred prior to said date.
4. My fellow inventors and I conceived of the claimed invention (in the claims of Exhibit A) prior to April 6, 2000. The project involving the invention began prior to said date.
5. Continuous diligence, as part of the project including the claimed invention, was employed in reducing the claimed invention to practice. At least one person was

working, as part of this diligence, on aspects of the claimed invention, until the claimed invention was tested, and then implemented prior to April 6, 2000. Hence, the claimed invention was reduced to practice prior to April 6, 2000.

6. Exhibit B attached herewith are notes taken prior to April 6, 2000, that describe the claimed invention.

7. Exhibit C attached herewith includes the invention disclosure document prepared prior to April 6, 2000.

8. Based on the above description and as is evident from the attached exhibits, the conception of the subject matter described in the present application was prior to April 6, 2000, and there was continuous diligence, in building the claimed invention, to a subsequent reduction to practice that occurred prior to said date.

9. I declare, to the best of my knowledge, that all statements made in this document are true, and that all statements made on the information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 6/30/03


Name: Ian Flint